

## YOUTH SPORTS

## Lacrosse sign-up deadline March 8

Local youth are invited to participate in the Bend Park & Recreation District's youth lacrosse league. The deadline to register is March 8. The league is open to boys and girls in first grade through eighth grade and runs from April 12 to June 4.

Registration is available at [www.bendparksandrec.org](http://www.bendparksandrec.org).

The league promotes physical fitness and teaches participants sportsmanship lessons about teamwork and fair play as well as basic lacrosse fundamentals and game play. Teams practice twice a week and play an eight-game schedule.

"After what has been a very long year for all of us, we are so excited to give the kids the opportunity to get outside, be active and have some fun with their friends," said Rich Ekman, BPRD sports coordinator. "Having had to sit out last season, we know the kids are very excited to get out on the field and play lacrosse this spring."

The registration fee is \$80 for in-district residents and \$96 for those that live outside the district boundaries. Financial assistance is available for registration and equipment needs.

Helmets, sticks, mouth guards and game jerseys are provided. Participants in the boys' league must provide their own gloves, shoulder pads and elbow pads.

League rules and format will be adjusted to comply with the most updated local and state COVID guidelines.

For more information, contact Ekman at 541-706-6126 or email [rich@bendparksandrec.org](mailto:rich@bendparksandrec.org).

— Bulletin staff report

## WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

## Beavers on NCAA tourney bubble

Oregon State's 71-64 win over then-No. 8 UCLA on Sunday appears to be the springboard that puts the Beavers into the NCAA tournament.

ESPN's "Bracketology" has OSU as the last at-large school in the 64-team field in its latest iteration. The Beavers (8-6) are slotted as a No. 11 seed in the tournament.

This doesn't assure that Oregon State is bound for postseason play, but it's an indicator the Beavers are on the right track. OSU is shooting for its seventh consecutive NCAA tournament appearance.

The Beavers, No. 34 in the NCAA NET rankings, can virtually assure a tournament berth with a win Sunday at No. 14 Oregon. After that, OSU heads to the Pac-12 Tournament. It remains unknown if the Beavers will make up any of their nine postponed games the week after the conference tournament.

The bracketology projection has six Pac-12 teams in the field: Stanford (1-seed), Arizona (2), UCLA (3), Oregon (5), Washington State (11) and the Beavers.

All NCAA women's tournament games this year are played in San Antonio. The field is revealed March 15. First-round games are March 21-22, with the national championship game April 4.

The tournament is allowing a limited number of fans for the Sweet 16 and beyond. For the first two rounds, members of the official team party are allowed up to six tickets for guests.

— The Oregonian

## PREP SPORTS

## Volleyball returns for Cowgirls

*Crook County can start playing volleyball, while Jefferson County schools are left on the sidelines*

BY BRIAN RATHBONE  
The Bulletin

**T**uesday brought good news for Crook County High School and bad news for Madras and Culver.

The three schools' volleyball programs started the week unsure of what their volleyball seasons would entail.

All three needed the Oregon Health Authority to move their counties down from an extreme risk to a high risk to be able to start competing next week.

Crook County dropped down a tier, while Jefferson County did not.

"We had our schedule and we had our opponents," said Crook County athletic direc-



Bulletin file photo

Redmond's Aspen Bradley, right, blocks Crook County's McKenzie Jonas during a Cowgirls' victory in the 2019 volleyball season.

tor Rob Bonner. "We were just waiting to get moved to high risk."

Crook County was confident about its chances of moving down a level after narrowly missing out on entering the high risk category two weeks ago.

Even with the likelihood of moving, there were still backup plans in place for

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— Rob Bonner, Crook County athletic director

Crook County, including waiting for another drop down in two weeks, and salvaging whatever would be left of the already shortened season, or moving into a later part of the year to get a full

season.

"Fortunately, we don't have to look at those options," Bonner said.

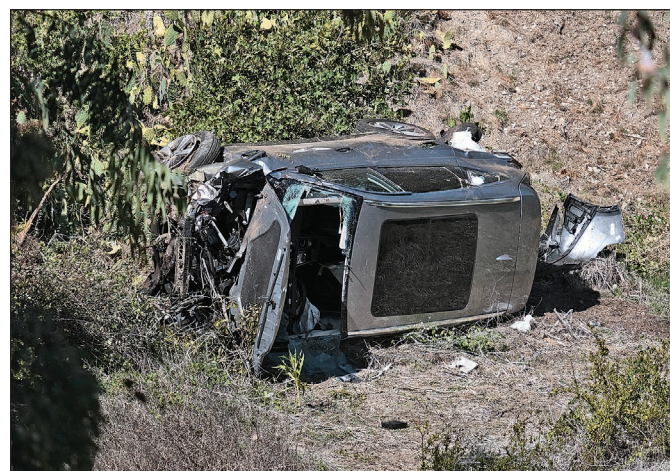
Meanwhile, Jefferson County does not meet the state's metrics for volleyball.

Located in one of five counties to remain in the extreme risk tier, Madras and Culver will have to wait until March 12 for a chance to play volleyball — which cuts significantly into the six-week schedule.

"I'm just really sad for volleyball," said new Madras athletic director Mark Stewart.

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## GOLF



Ringo H.W. Chiu/AP

A vehicle rests on its side after a rollover accident involving golfer Tiger Woods along a road in the Rancho Palos Verdes section of Los Angeles on Tuesday. Woods suffered leg injuries in the one-car accident and was undergoing surgery, authorities and his manager said.

## Tiger Woods is seriously injured in California car crash

BY STEFANIE DAZIO  
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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Tiger Woods was seriously injured Tuesday when his SUV crashed into a median, rolled over several times and ended up on its side in suburban Los Angeles, authorities said. The golf superstar had to be pulled out through the windshield, and his agent said he was undergoing leg surgery.

Woods was alone in the SUV when it crashed into a raised median shortly before 7:15 a.m., crossed two oncoming lanes and rolled over several times, authorities said at a news conference. No other cars were involved. Woods was alert and able to communicate as firefighters pried open the front windshield to get him out.

The airbags deployed, and the inside of the car stayed basically intact and that "gave

him a cushion to survive the crash," Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva said. Both of his legs were severely injured, county Fire Chief Daryl Osby.

Images showed the SUV on its side, with its front end heavily damaged, just off the side of a road near a hillside. An ambulance took the 45-year-old to a hospital, authorities said.

"Tiger Woods was in a single-car accident this morning in California where he suffered multiple leg injuries," said his manager, Mark Steinberg. "He is currently in surgery and we thank you for your privacy and support."

They said there was no immediate evidence that Woods was impaired. Authorities said they checked for any odor of alcohol or other signs he was under the influence of a substance and did not find any.

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## WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Ducks still have chance to live up to great expectations

BY RYAN THORBURN

The (Eugene) Register-Guard

Oregon women's basketball fans will never forget the run the program went on during the Big Three era.

During the previous three seasons with Sabrina Ionescu, Ruthy Hebard and Satou Sabally leading the way, the Ducks won three consecutive Pac-12 championships while compiling a 97-13 record (49-5 in conference).

The dominance included the postseason as Oregon won two Pac-12 Tournament titles and made it to the Elite Eight and Final Four.

If not for the cancellation of the 2020 NCAA Tournament, the program might have hung a national championship banner as well.

Coach Kelly Graves, whose 2020-21 squad is 13-6 overall and 10-6 in the Pac-12, has been thinking about what life was like for Ionescu and Hebard as true freshmen the year before Sabally arrived to join forces with the dynamic duo.

The Ducks finished the 2016-17 season 23-14 overall and 8-10 in conference play. Five of those wins were in the postseason as the young roster peaked with an upset of Washington in the Pac-12 Tournament and a memorable march to the Elite Eight as a No. 10 seed.

The program-changing recruiting class that produced Ionescu and Hebard was able to get through its growing pains without a national media spotlight and the rigors of playing in a pandemic.

## Next up



Oregon State at No. 14 Oregon

**When:** 3 p.m. Sunday

**TV:** Pac-12

Graves was as frustrated as anyone after Friday's deflating 83-56 defeat at UCLA.

But No. 14 Oregon, which only returned one starter this season and is breaking in five freshmen from the nation's top-ranked recruiting class, is still in strong position to make noise at the NCAA Tournament for years to come.

Maybe even next month in San Antonio.

"I was looking back at four years ago. We had some inconsistencies that year," Graves said after the Ducks finished the Los Angeles trip with a 72-48 victory over USC Sunday. "And the difference, I think, is expectations. External expectations and internal expectations. That's the only difference. So when we got beat handily a few years ago, nobody thought much of it because we didn't have those expectations."

"And now we do. So there's a lot of pressure on these kids."

Senior forward Erin Boley has tried to lead by example while also dealing with a bad back and having defensive game plans designed to stop her instead of the Big Three.

Nyara Sabally and Sedona

Prince, two redshirt sophomores with the size and skill-sets to be dominant players, are playing major college basketball for the first time after fighting back from career-threatening injuries.

Junior guard Taylor Chavez was back in the starting lineup Sunday after being stuck in COVID-19 protocol purgatory during the heart of the Pac-12 race.

The veteran pieces were finally in place to guide the gifted young cast out of the darkness of three consecutive losses to top-10 opponents.

"I thought our upperclassmen did a great job," Graves said. "We inserted Taylor Chavez to start the game. I thought we really needed her toughness. I thought she was a leader."

"Nyara Sabally, I give her a lot of credit, man. She has stepped up and really tried to lead in the locker room after the last game and in the meetings."

Prince, the 6-foot-7 forward who has been in and out of the lineup all season, scored all 11 of her points off the bench in the second half against USC to join Boley (13 points), Sabally (11 points) and Sydney Parrish (17 points) in double figures scoring.

"Sedona, this was one of her best games," Graves said. "She looked like she really wanted it. She was aggressive down low, she didn't just settle for an easy jump hook or a turnaround jump shot over her shoulder."

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